

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
OCTOBER 15, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Bemidji Area Schools, Bemidji, Beltrami/Hubbard Counties, Minnesota, was held on Monday, October 15, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., in the District Office Board Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Melissa Bahr, Carol L. Johnson, Ann Long Voelkner, Jeff Haack, Shawn Whiting, John Gonzalez and Superintendent Tim Lutz

Taylor Gish, Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER: (Time: 6:30 p.m.)

PREVIEW OF AGENDA – SUPERINTENDENT TIM LUTZ

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by Melissa Bahr, and carried by all in attendance to add another Student Representative to the Board to the agenda.

The motion was offered by Melissa Bahr, seconded by Shawn Whiting, and carried by all in attendance to approve the revised agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion was offered by John Gonzalez, seconded by Ann Long Voelkner, and carried by consent to approve the following items:

- A. Minutes from the September 17, 2018 and October 1, 2018 School Board Meetings
- B. Current Bills and Special Checks Totaling: \$4,149,355.95
- C. Noncertified Staff Resignations: Ademir Basar, Daniel Berube, Meghan Bockwitz, Jodi O'Rourke, Diane Sauer, Karen Savoie, Aimee Willard
- D. Certified Staff Appointments: Susan Kedzie, Stacie MacLeod, Whitney Nelson, Lacey Riopelle
- E. Lane Advancements
- F. Request to Submit Grant – Lumberjack High School Field Trip
- G. Request to Submit Grant – First National Bank Foundation
- H. Request to Submit Grant – Northwest Minnesota Foundation Women's Fund
- I. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Policy SBR 100-10-3: Open Meetings and Closed Meetings
- J. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Policy SBR 100-10-3R: Public Participation in School Board Meetings/Complaints About Persons at School Board Meetings and Data Privacy Considerations
- K. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Policy SBR 200-90-6: Equal Employment Opportunity
- L. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Policy SBR 200-90-9: Harassment and Violence
- M. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 700-10-1: Enrollment of Nonresident Students
- N. Second Reading and Adoption of SBR 700-10-4: Equal Educational Opportunity
- O. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 700-60-6: Immunization Requirements
- P. Second Reading and Adoption of Revised SBR 900-10-5: Tobacco-Free Environment Policy
- Q. Second Reading and Adoption of SBR 900-80-1: Public Data Requests

SPECIAL TOPICS

School Spotlight: Early Intervention Program – What is Part C? Beata Grantier, Angela Dahlberg, Jennifer Kondos, and Debby Yates

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Taylor Gish reported on Bemidji High School activities.

LISTENING SESSION REVIEW

Carol L. Johnson report on a parent's concern about the Grab and Go Breakfast options.

DONATIONS

The motion was offered by John Gonzalez, seconded by Jeff Haack, and carried by all in attendance to accept the donation from Teachers On Call, Inc., for \$1,924.00.

EQUITABLE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Inclusive School Climate Pilot Update

Superintendent Lutz reported the first Inclusive School Climate staff development opportunity was held in September and the next training will be October 22. The training is presented by the Minnesota Department of Education and Peacemaker Resources.

The first meeting of the Diversion Committee was held on October 8. Staff have also participated in trauma sensitive training and "Understanding Ojibwe Cultural Behavior in School Activities" training offered by district Indian Education staff.

Approval of 2018-2019 District Goals

The motion was offered by Melissa Bahr, seconded by Jeff Haack, and carried by all in attendance to approve the 2018-2019 District Goals as presented.

Request for Licensed Staff

The motion was offered by Jeff Haack, seconded by Ann Long Voelkner, and carried by all in attendance to authorize the addition of a .08 teacher position at Bemidji High School for the 2018-2019 school year.

Class Size Report

Superintendent Lutz reported on class size as recommended in SBR 400-30-1R: Class Size. Three out of 104 elementary classrooms exceed the guidelines. Five out of over 250 Bemidji High School courses exceed the guidelines by one student. No action was taken.

Truancy Tracker Program

Superintendent Lutz reported on the Truancy Track Programs at Bemidji Middle School and Bemidji High School. Middle School students are making progress. High School students are adjusting nicely and 75% of the students are no longer considered truant.

Resolution of School Board Supporting Form A Application to Minnesota State High School League Foundation

Ann Long Voelkner offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION OF SCHOOL BOARD SUPPORTING FORM A APPLICATION TO
MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State High School League Foundation was formed to provide support for Minnesota's high school youth to participate in athletics and fine arts.

WHEREAS, the Bemidji Area Schools School Board recognizes the value of student participation in extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State High School League Foundation is offering grants and funding to assist school districts in recognizing, promoting, and funding extracurricular participation by high school students in athletic and fine arts programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bemidji Area Schools School Board supports the district's application to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation for a FORM A grant to offset student activity fees.

The motion for the foregoing resolution was seconded by Melissa Bahr, and a tabulation of votes is as follows:

AYES: Melissa Bahr, John Gonzalez, Shawn Whiting, Ann Long Voelkner,
Jeff Haack, and Carol L. Johnson

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, the foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted.

HIGH QUALITY DISTRICT

Resolution to Not Observe Columbus Day as a Legal Holiday

Jeff Haack offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO NOT OBSERVE COLUMBUS DAY AS A LEGAL HOLIDAY

BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to M.S. 645.44, Subd. 5., the School Board of Bemidji Area Schools, Independent School District No. 31 has determined that Columbus Day is not a legal holiday.

The motion for the foregoing resolution was seconded by John Gonzalez, and a tabulation of votes is as follows:

AYES: Jeff Haack, Ann Long Voelkner, John Gonzalez, Melissa Bahr,
Shawn Whiting, and Carol L. Johnson

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, the foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted.

Tentative Agreement With the Bus Drivers' Bargaining Unit for 2017-2019

The motion was offered by John Gonzalez, seconded by Ann Long Voelkner, and carried by all in attendance to approve the provisions of SBR 200-50-1, the employment agreement between Independent School District No. 31 and the MSEA for Bus Drivers for the period July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2019.

Assurance of Compliance With State and Federal Laws Prohibiting Discrimination

Jordan Hickman, Director of Human Resources, reported the Assurance of Compliance With State and Federal Laws Prohibiting Discrimination Report has been completed online as required. No action was taken.

Resolution Relating to \$2,725,000 General Obligation Taxable OPEB Refunding Bonds, Series 2018A; Authorizing the Issuance, Awarding the Sale, Prescribing the Form and Details and Providing for the Payment Thereof

Jeff Haack offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO \$2,725,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION TAXABLE OPEB REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2018A; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, AWARDED THE SALE, PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND DETAILS AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF

The motion for the foregoing resolution was seconded by Melissa Bahr, and a tabulation of votes is as follows:

- AYES: John Gonzalez, Melissa Bahr, Jeff Haack, Shawn Whiting, Ann Long Voelkner, and Carol L. Johnson
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, the foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Bemidji High School Academic Awards Night – Monday, November 5, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
- Special School Board Meeting to Canvass Election Results – Friday, November 9, 2018, 7:30 a.m.
- November School Board Meeting – Monday, November 19, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

OTHER

Student Representative to the Board

The motion was offered by Ann Long Voelkner, seconded by John Gonzalez, and carried by all in attendance to place Xavier Michael-Young as a Student Representative to the Board.

Once Around the Table

School Board Members shared their observations of events in the district.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was offered by John Gonzalez, seconded by Shawn Whiting, and carried by all in attendance to adjourn. Time: 8:24 p.m.

Jeff Haack, Clerk

Date Approved

Carol L. Johnson, Chair

Date Approved